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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BEIRUT, NAIROBI
FROM KAMPALA MAR 13.

QUOTE KAMPALA 0943.

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SUBJECT: PROTECTION SECURITY KAMPALA

REF: STATE 042037

FROM RSS KEMP

THREAT ASSESSMENT:

ORGANIZED AND RANDOM BANDITRY AND ROBBERY POSE A CONTINUING HIGH-
LEVEL THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF ALL PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS,
INSIDE

AND OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOMES. THE UNRELIABILITY OF LOCAL SECURITY
FORCES

NOT ONLY INCREASES OUR VULNERABILITY TO THIS THREAT BUT UNRELIABILITY
ITSELF POSES PERHAPS THE MOST PERVASIVE AND UNSETTLING DANGER.
CONSTANTLY HOVERING OVER AND EVER- PRESENT IN MINDS OF PERSONNEL IS
THE DANGER OF THE SECURITY FORCES GOING ON A RAMPAGE, BEYOND
CONTROL OF ANY CONSTITUTED AUTHORITY. IN ADDITION PERSONNEL AT POST
HERE BELIEVE THAT GENERAL AMIN' S SUPPORT FOR THE KHARTOUM PALESTIN-
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IAN "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" MAY ENCOURAGE A BLACK SEPTEMBER OPERATION AGAINST US IN KAMPALA. CONSIDERING SITUATION HERE, OUR KAMPALA MISSION INCLUDING ITS PERSONNEL IS A RELATIVELY VULNERABLE TARGET. WHETHER IT IS A HIGH PRIORITY BSO TARGET, HOWEVER, IS MATTER OF CONJECTURE. THE MOST LIKELY TARGETS APPEAR TO BE THE AMBASSADOR (CHARGE AT PRESENT) AND THE CHANCERY ITSELF.

MEASURES RECENTLY INSTITUTED:

MARINE PATROL ON DUTY AT CHANCERY DURING DAYTIME. HE POSITIVELY CONTROLS ENTRANCE INTO CHANCERY, IDENTIFYING VISITORS THROUGH PEEPHOLE BEFORE PERMITTING ENTRY.

THREE REVOLVERS AND TWO SHOTGUNS ARE AT THE POST, " ON LOAN" FROM NAIROBI. 1,000 ROUNDS OF REVOLVER AMMO AND 25 ROUNDS FOR SHOTGUNS ON HAND. ALSO, 22 TEAR GAS GRENADES AND EIGHT GASMASKS.

ONE ARMED POLICEMAN IS ON DUTY AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING: CHANCERY; AMBASSADOR' S RESIDENCE: DCM' S RESIDENCE. COVERAGE AT THE FIRST TWO IS ON 24- HOUR BASIS; AT LATTER SPORADIC.

KEMP AND LARSON BRIEFED PERSONNEL ON PROTECTIVE SECURITY MEASURES AT EXPANDED COUNTRY TEAM MEETING, MARCH 13, 1973.

ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEASURES RECOMMENDED:

ARMOR PLATE THE AMBASSADOR' S CHRYSLER IMPERIAL AND THE EMBASSY' S FORD SEDAN.

ACTION REQUIRED: DEPT SHIP THE ARMOR AND PROVIDE SEABEES FOR INSTALLATION.

A BODYGUARD TO RIDE IN CHAUFFERED CAR WITH CHARGE. LOCAL CONTRACT GUARD FIRM, SECURICOR, CLAIMS IT CAN PROVIDE THIS SERVICE. THERE IS RELUCTANCE ON PART OF POST CONCERNING COMPETENCE AND REALIABILITY. NCOIC CAN PROVIDE ADDITIONAL WEAPON TRAINING AND RSO LARSON COULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON BODYGUARD TACTS.

ACTION: KEMP WILL PURSUE FURTHER WITH CHARGE AND SECURICOR.

ALL PERSONS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN KAMPALA SHOULD RESIDE IN OR NEAR ONE AREA. THIS IS KOLOLO WHERE AMBASSADOR, DCM AND A NUMBER OF

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OTHERS ALREADY RESIDE. SINCE ONLY 14-15 ARE EXPECTED REMAIN, AND AID PERSONNEL LEAVING, GOAL IS ATTAINABLE WITHIN NEXT FEW MONTHS AND MAY BE LARGELY IMPLEMENTED WITHIN MATTER OF WEEKS. AID EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND EMBASSY ADMIN OFFICER ARE PREPARING PERTINENT LISTS WITH DATES OF EXPECTED MOVES.

HOMES OF ALL PERSONS EXPECTED TO REMAIN SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT:

COMPLETE GRILL WORK ON WINDOWS NOT BARRED.

INSTALL SIRENS ON HOMES; INSTALL " SILENT" ALARMS TO WHICH SECURICOR WILL RESPOND, REPORTEDLY VERY EFFECTIVELY; INCREASE WATCH-
MEN TIME AT HOMES FROM 12 HOURS TO 24 HOURS PER DAY. CHARGE ADVISES
ALL THESE MEASURES WILL BE PURSUED; RSS AND RSO ASSISTING.

ALSO INSTALL IN HOMES, DEADBOLTS AND PEEPHOLES.

ACTION: REQUESTED FROM DEPARTMENT: 60 LOCK SLIDING DEADBOLTS, SARGENT & GREENLEAF SM181; ALL TYPES STRIKE PLATES AND 60 WIDE-ANGLE PEEPHOLES. SEABEES BEING REQUESTED HEREWITH CAN HELP INSTALL.

AT USIS, RECOMMENDATION HAVE BEEN MADE TO REARRANGE PAO'S OUTER OFFICE, LOCK REAR DOOR TO HIS AREA AND HIRE A SECURICOR ARMED GUARD AT

ENTRANCE TO HIS AND OTHER USIS OFFICERS OFFICES. ALSO, TO REQUEST ARMED POLICEMAN OUTSIDE OF BUILDING. THESE MEASURES ARE BEING PURSUED CURRENTLY AT THE POST. FURTHERMORE,
RECOMMEND INSTALLATION OF LOCK TRONIC ELECTRIC LATCH UNIT #1426 AT DOOR GIVING ACCESS TO AREA.

ACTION BY DEPARTMENT: PROVIDE TWO LOCK TRONIC ELECTRIC LATCH UNITS 1426 (OTHER FOR CHANCERY) WITH CAPABILITY OF SECRETARY IN OUTER OFFICE ACTIVATING BOLT AND AT SAME TIME ALERTING PAO. LATTER SHOULD THEN BE ABLE TO OVERRIDE HER BOLT ACTIVATION TO PREVENT RELEASE

OF BOLT BY HER.

AID DIRECTOR FELT UNDER NO IMMEDIATE THREAT AND PREFERS KEEPING LOW IMAGE. RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE AND ACCEPTED ON INCREASING PHYSICAL SECURITY OF HIS EXECUTIVE SUITE AND AFFORDING BETTER ACCESS CONTROL TO HIS AREA. THESE ARE BEING PURSUED BY HIS EXECUTIVE
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OFFICER.

AT CHANCERY, EXTENSIVE GRILL WORK ON 6 TH AND 7 TH FLOORS REQUIRED;
STEEL PLATE BARRIERS IN INTERIOR STAIRWELL BETWEEN TWO FLOORS AND
NEW DOORS-- TWO FRONT DOORS AND TWO DOORS TO FIRE ESCAPE AT REAR
OF
BUILDING. THESE SHOULD BE METAL DOORS SET IN STEEL FRAME, FASTENED
TO MASONRY. PRESENT DOORS ARE IN WOODEN FRAMES; REAR ONES ESPE-
CIALLY WEAK. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT METAL CAN BE OBTAINED IN KAMPALA;

IF NOT, THEN IT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN NAIROBI. ASIAN ARTISANS
SCARCE FOR PERFORMING THIS WORK. THEREFORE, SEABEES REQUIRED.

REQUEST TWO SEABEE METAL WORKERS, ONE SEABEE ELECTRICIAN AND A
TSO. LATTER REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN CCTV INSTALLATION.

CCTV UNIT BELONGING TO USIS MADE AVAILABLE FOR SECURITY
PURPOSES; WILL BE INSTALLED TO REPLACE PRESENT PEEPHOLE
IDENTIFICATION BY MARINE. ON HAND ARE SONY VIDEO CAMERA, AVC 3200,
AC-117 V, 60 CYCLE, 27 W; SONY VIDEO MONITOR, MODEL VM, 51 7350;
SONY TV LENS 1:1.8-16 MM.

REQUEST YOU FURNISH A WIDE ANGLE LENS FOR THIS CAMERA, BRACKETS
TO MOUNT IT AND 20 YARDS OF CABLE.

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT REQUESTED:
TWO LOCK TRONIC ELECTRIC LATCH UNITS, #1426
TWO RIOT SHOTGUNS
24 AA-1 MULTI- PURPOSE CS GRENADES
8 M-17 A GAS MASKS
20 MK- V MACE DISPENSERS AND HOLSTERS.

FURTHER DETAILS ON GRILLWORK AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS WILL FOLLOW.
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